

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 4 with the following amended paragraph.

With respect to the call in the aforementioned example, certain potential limitations, drawbacks and/or problems are revealed. For example, resources of the switch **22** have to be utilized to maintain support of the call for the duration of its connection through the switch **22**. Similarly, resources of the IP gateway ~~12~~ 14 also have to be continually utilized (i.e., during the calls duration) to convert and/or translate a packet-switched call to a circuit-switched call (for the first half-call **30**) and then ultimately to convert and/or translate the circuit-switched call back into a packet-switched call (for the second half-call **32**). Accordingly, in such instances, it may at times be deemed advantageous to free the switch **22** from the burden of supporting the call. It may at times also be deemed advantageous to reduce the conversion/translation load carried by the IP gateway **14**, thereby relieving some of the burden thereon.